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Confirmation No.: 8231

For: METHOD OF MULTI-LEVEL STORAGE IN DRAM AND APPARATUS THEREOF

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 31, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Tran for a helpful telephone conversation with the undersigned on February 15, 2006.

In the Office Action, Claims 10-19 were rejected based on expiration of U.S. Patent RE37072 due to non-payment of the required maintenance fees. In the telephone conference, Examiner Tran stated that the internal Patent Office database indicated non-payment. However, the undersigned pointed out that the USPTO public PAIR system indicated that the maintenance

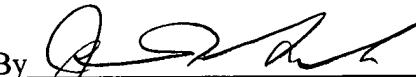
fee had in fact been paid. Examiner Tran suggested that the receipt for payment of the maintenance fee be provided in response to the outstanding Office Action in order to overcome the rejection.

Attached are copies of the maintenance fee payment form submitted by Applicant and the postcard receipt and formal receipt received from the Patent Office after the fee was paid.

In view of the above remarks and the attached it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn and that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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